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FOR DEA FROM WALTZ; HQS FOR ENM/CLOUD AND IGIE/FOTOPOULOS;
SECSTATE FOR S/NM; BELGRADE FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR
KLEMP

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL/ENFORCEMENT - YUGOSLAVIA
(GFXA-75-8052)

1. IN A 08/08/78 MEETING IN BELGRADE WITH PPEDRAG MATOVIC, CHIEF OF THE YUGOSLAVIAN CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND DRAGAN VUKMIROVIC, NARCOTICS SPECIALIST IN THAT DIVISION, MR, MATOVIC INFORMED C/A WALTZ AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR KLEMP THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS IN NIS, WHERE THE INCREASING DEMANDS ON POLICE AND POLICE SUPPORT ORGANS WAS DISCUSSED. AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING NARCOTICS SEIZURES AT GRADINA, POLICE HAVE BEEN BARELY ABLE TO COPE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERPRETATION, INTERROGATION AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

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2. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO OPEN A NEW NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION CENTER IN NIS, THE CLOSEST CITY IN YUGOSLAVIA TO THE BORDER CROSSING WITH BULGARIA AT GRADINA. THIS NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION CENTER, IN SOUTHERN SERBIA, WILL BE REGIONAL, STAFFED WITH TRAINED INVESTIGATORS, INTERPRETERS AND CHEMISTS WHO WILL USE THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR DRUG ANALYSIS. THESE EXPERTS

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WILL BE CALLED ON FOR INTERROGATION AND DRUG ANALYSIS FOLLOWING EACH SEIZURE ON THIS MOST-USED HIGHWAY FOR SMUGGLERS FROM ASIA EN ROUTE WESTERN EUROPE.

3. THE GRADINA BORDER CROSSING IS PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTROL POINT FOR THE LAND INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS COURIERS IN EUROPE. IN 1978 YUGOSLAVIAN CUSTOMS INSSECTOOS HAVE SEIZED 870 KILOGRAMS OF DRUGS FROM 46 SMUGGLERS AT THIS PORT OF ENTRY. 44 WERE TURKS. LAST YEAR ABOUT 2,500 KILOS WERE SEIZED FROM 115 SMUGGLERS. THE SMUGGLERS INCLUDED TURKS, IRANIANS, AND GERMANS.

4. AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION CENTER AT NIS, CAPABLE OF ELICITING INFORMATION FFOM COURIERS ON THE ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF DRUG SHIPMENTS, AND ABLE TO RELAY THAT INFORMATION QUICKLY TO THE POLICE ENFORCEMENT UNITS IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY JANUARY 1979.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA. WOLF

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